

To: Local Educational Agency Representatives
From: California Department of Education – CALPADS Team
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UPDATE ON SPRING 2014 SMARTER BALANCED FIELD TEST

The Smarter Balanced Field Test opened successfully on Tuesday, March 25, 2014. The Smarter Balanced system continues to perform well overall. Approximately 3.4 million students are scheduled to participate in the Field Test. By the end of Day 10 (April 7), since the beginning of the Field Test, approximately 349,300 students started testing, and of those, about 164,900 have completed testing. There were about 70,480 concurrent student users taking the Field Test.

As a reminder, the Smarter Balanced system will be offline from Friday, April 11 through Sunday, April 13 for a scheduled system downtime for the Field Test. The CALPADS extract and upload into the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) will not be affected.

To receive regular updates on the Smarter Balanced Field Test, we encourage you to join the California Department of Education's Smarter Balanced e-mail list serv by sending a blank e-mail to subscribe-caaspp@mlist.cde.ca.gov.

REMINDER ON STUDENT DATA IN SUPPORT TICKETS

This is a reminder to send only the SSID(s) of the student(s) in question when submitting support tickets. Sending student names along with other information may violate student confidentiality laws. The CALPADS Support team has the capability to retrieve necessary student details using the SSID. For complete information on security requirements, please review the CALPADS Data Guide, version 5, on page 7 and 8.

END-OF-YEAR SUBMISSION

As announced in Flash #86, the 2013–14 End-of-Year (EOY) data submission window opens Monday, May 12, 2014, and ends on Friday, July 18, 2014. There will be **no amendment window for the 2013–14 EOY submissions** in order to implement necessary changes to the CALPADS data structure and file formats.

WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION ON THE END-OF-YEAR SUBMISSION

Read Flash #87 or last section of this Flash

Attend the 3 p.m. Wednesday Q&A session. Register here,
<http://csis.fcmat.org/Pages/Trainings.aspx>

Review EOY Self-Paced Modules, <http://csis.fcmat.org/Pages/Self-Paced-Training.aspx>

CALPADS OFFLINE FOR JULY RELEASE IMPLEMENTATION

CALPADS will be taken offline at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 18, 2014, and will remain offline until Monday, July 28, 2014, to implement changes in the CALPADS file formats as well as changes to improve data quality and data submission processes. When CALPADS comes back online on Monday, July 28, 2014, CALPADS will **only** accept the new file formats. A new CALPADS File Specifications (CFS) document (effective July 1, 2014) is posted via the System Documentation link on the CDE CALPADS Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/calpads>.

WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION ON THE 2014–15 CHANGES

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CAG REGISTRATION REMINDER

Registration is open for the April 22, 2014, CDE and CSIS Advisory Group (CAG) meeting. This meeting will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. via video conference. If you plan to attend, please register prior to the meeting at:

<https://csis.fcmat.org/Pages/April-22,-2014-CDE-and-CSIS-Advisory-Group-Meeting.aspx>.

The meeting agenda is also available via the meeting link. The agenda includes a review of the upcoming End-of-Year data submissions, the system changes for Fiscal Year 14–15 (summarized in CALPADS Flash #86), and updates on Assessment and Accountability. Although attendance is optional, CALPADS administrators and other staff working on CALPADS are encouraged to attend.

There is no cost to attend the meeting, and many of the locations provide free parking. Neither the CDE nor CSIS can provide reimbursement for travel or parking expenses.

Presentation materials will be posted on the April 22 CAG Meeting Web page (the link provided above) by April 17, 2014. Attendees should print the presentation materials

and bring them to the meeting. For those unable to attend, a video of the meeting will be posted within a couple of weeks after the meeting.

There will be an optional vendor meeting immediately following the CAG meeting for student information system (SIS) vendors and LEAs with custom systems. To attend the vendor session via video conference contact Chula Ranasinghe by e-mail at cranasinghe@fcmat.org and indicate which location you will be attending, so that arrangements can be made to keep the video conference session running at that location.

PREPARATION FOR THE END-OF-YEAR SUBMISSION

To prepare for the End-of-Year (EOY) data submission, LEAs are encouraged to:

1. Keep CALPADS up-to-date, with a particular focus on keeping enrollments and student grade level current. This work will help ensure that CALPADS has current data for the EOY submission as well as for the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) for the Smarter Balanced Field Test.
2. Determine who will review EOY submission data. Identify summer staff schedules and create a schedule for the EOY submission that ensures EOY data are submitted, reviewed and certified before staff leave.
3. Begin updating CALPADS with participation in Education programs:
 - Code 108 – Opportunity Program
 - Code 113 – California Partnership Academy
 - Code 162 – Pregnant or Parenting Programs
 - Code 180 – CAHSEE Intensive Instruction
 - Code 185 – Transitional Kindergarten
 - Code 101 – 504 Accommodation Plan
 - Code 122 – NCLB Title I Part A Basic Targeted
 - Code 174 – NCLB Title I Part A Neglected
4. Begin updating CALPADS with discipline data.
5. Run Operational Data Store (ODS) reports 5.1 and 7.1 for early report reviews.
6. Communicate with school sites to update discipline and program data no later than the end of May.
7. Attend EOY training in May if needed. The EOY training schedule will be posted by April 28, 2014.

PREPARATION FOR THE 2014–15 CHANGES

To prepare for the 2014–15 changes, LEAs are encouraged to:

1. Read the summary of changes provided in Flash #86 and continue to review communications from the CDE in order to identify issues that need attention prior to July 28, 2014 and to ensure the LEA is ready for the changes when CALPADS comes back online.
2. Talk with their Student Information System (SIS) vendor if using a commercial SIS to:
 - Understand the vendor's schedule for making the necessary SIS changes, as well as understand when and how those SIS changes will be made available to the local educational agency (LEA).
 - Determine if and when training will be provided regarding the upcoming changes in the SIS.
3. Make and follow a schedule for implementing and testing the necessary changes to their SIS prior to July 18, 2014, if the LEA uses a custom SIS.
4. Create an internal plan to:
 - Discuss new SIS changes with school site staff in August when staff return.
 - Exit 2013–14 enrollments prior to September 2014 to avoid concurrent enrollment (CCEs) errors.
 - Run ODS 1.13, Exits – Count Disaggregated report to verify local use of Exit and Completion Status codes.
 - Obtain new SSIDs early in the 2014–15 school year (August or early September) to become familiar with CALPADS changes with Grade level, Primary Language and Student English Language Acquisition (SELA) file structure and User Interface (UI).
 - Determine in September if Homeless Primary Residence codes need to be converted to program records in SIS.
 - Run ODS 2014–15 reports in early September with enrollment and English Language Acquisition Status (ELAS) counts to review results of CALPADS changes.
 - Become familiar with new Input Validation Rules (IVRs) early by submitting updated file types, SENR, SINF, and SPRG in August.

FCMAT/CSIS will provide training sessions specific to the changes to CALPADS when the system comes back online. More information about these training opportunities will be provided in future Flash communications.